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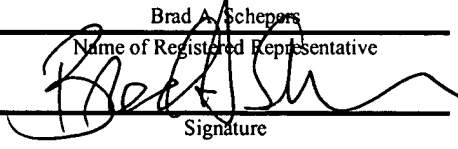
In re patent application of:)	Before the Examiner:
Charles L. Branch et al.)	Pedro Philogene
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Application Serial No.: 09/870,023)	Group Art Unit: 3733
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Filed: May 30, 2001)	Ref. No.: MSDI-213/ PC365.05
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INTERBODY FUSION GRAFTS)	October 25, 2007
AND INSTRUMENTATION)	

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION (WITH RCE)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated July 25, 2007, please enter and consider the following amendments and remarks. A fee in the amount of \$810.00 is enclosed herewith for a Request for Continued Examination filed concurrently herewith. Additionally, please provide any extensions of time necessary and charge any additional fees which may be necessary to Deposit Account No. 12-2424, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 63-106 were pending in the subject application for the final Office Action mailed on July 25, 2007. Each of the pending claims has been rejected on various grounds. The Applicant has filed a Request for Continued Examination concurrently herewith. In view of the following amendments and remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are hereby requested.